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Spring 2004

The Palace

TRYON PALACE HISTORIC SITES & GARDENS

MAKING
BEAUTIFUL MUSIC
TOGETHER

Private support brings new life to Palace programming



New Bern's Grover C. Fields Middle School was originally New Bern High School, the last all-white high school in the city.

Celebrating 50th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education Ruling

The month of May marks the 50th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education. In Topeka, Kansas in 1954 the Supreme Court ruling outlawed state-sanctioned segregation in American public schools, a decision that struck down the notion of separate but equal.

It all started with seven-year-old Linda Brown, who had an 80-minute walk to school despite living much closer to a school attended by all white students. The NAACP encouraged her mother to take her to the nearby school and try to register her as a student. When Linda was denied

the opportunity to attend the all-white school, she became the lead plaintiff in the now famous court case.

A special panel discussion on school desegregation resulting from the Brown v. Board of Education case will be held on May 20. The discussion, sponsored by Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens and the James City Historical Society, will look at North Carolina schools before and after segregation from the perspectives of teachers and students who experienced this era. Please see the calendar on pages 6-8 for more information. ♦

Leave a Legacy

When you are planning your estate, please consider including Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens. If you would like to discuss a planned gift, please call Nancy Mansfield, Development Officer, at (252) 514-4956. Your inquiry will be handled promptly and discreetly.

*Please put Tryon Palace
in your will, and please tell us when you do.*

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On the Cover

The 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force Band performs on the South Lawn as part of the 2003 Summer Concert Series. See cover story on pages 4-5 for more details about this popular annual event.



She has that Special Touch

By Erin Francisco

Throughout her life, Palace Volunteer Coordinator Fran Campbell has spent countless hours devoted to the art of volunteerism. After working for the American Red Cross for many years as the director of volunteer and youth programs, she has volunteering running briskly through her veins. "It has been a very rewarding career," Campbell says when asked about her career in volunteerism. The sparkle in her eyes reveals that this is a woman who found her true calling in life.

Her extraordinary career as Director of Volunteers/Youth Director with the American Red Cross carried her across our country and to Europe for two different tours in the 80s and 90s. A native of Greensboro, she returned to North Carolina when she retired and made New Bern her home. She was soon working at the Palace as a guide and gift shop attendant.

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— FRAN CAMPBELL

It was only natural for her to apply for the new Volunteer Coordinator position that the Council of Friends funded and the Palace implemented in 2001. "It was a great fit and we were so lucky to have someone like Fran interested in the job," says Nancy Mansfield, who chose her to jumpstart the Palace's volunteer program.

The Volunteer Coordinator position started as a dual-purpose position: part administrative assistant to the Council of Friends, part volunteer coordinator. With only a handful of volunteers

already on site—largely working in the gardens or preparing decorations at Christmas—Campbell quickly assessed other needs and went to work.

"She could work for the NFL—she's an extraordinary recruiter," Mansfield says. "I've watched her move around a room and talk to everyone in sight about volunteer opportunities at the Palace. And people respond to her. They become believers."

"I don't think anyone, myself included, thought that the volunteer program would develop so quickly," Campbell explains. "The timing was perfect."

The volunteer roster now boasts close to 500 volunteers, with about 100 of them working only at the holiday season. A plethora of jobs—ranging from archeology to conservation to historical research and character interpretation—is available, along with the option to explore different jobs within volunteerism if the person wishes to do so.

Another attractive aspect of the program for retirees and other volunteers is that a lifetime commitment is not expected of them. The program accommodates today's mobile society and allows for flexibility for people who wish to travel.

"Our current group of volunteers is the most committed group I think I have ever worked with," Campbell says. "They are so willing to pick-up at the last minute to help regardless of how miniscule or how exciting the chore might be."

To date, Campbell considers exceeding all expectations for growth with the volunteer program and re-opening The New Bern Academy Museum as her two greatest accomplishments.

The Academy Museum, site of a school built in 1809, was closed to the public in 2002 as a result of cutbacks in Palace funding. Campbell, who is



Volunteer Coordinator Fran Campbell stands in the Latham Garden. Maude Moore Latham was one of the Palace's original volunteers. Her enthusiasm, dedication and private support helped to bring about the reconstruction of the Palace.

especially partial to the Academy Museum, recruited several dozen volunteers to staff it, and it reopened in April 2003.

"This was a big step forward in our volunteer program," she says. "The Academy volunteers don't just work there, they schedule themselves and do a lot of their own recruiting and training. It's very exciting."

"We have come a long way in a short period of time," Campbell says of the volunteer program. Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens began with a volunteer's vision in the early 40s. That volunteer was Maude Latham Kellenberger, who dreamed as a child of one day seeing the Palace rebuilt.

"My hope is that we will continue to utilize the power and influence of our volunteers to enhance the present and future viability of Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens and the completion of the North Carolina History Education Center vision."

If you would like to know more about the volunteer program at Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens, you may e-mail Fran Campbell at fcampbell@tryonpalace.org or call her at 252-514-4951. You may also drop by to see her at the Daves House. But be forewarned: she will use that special touch! ♦



Making Beautiful Music Together

PRIVATE SUPPORT PLAYS A MAJOR ROLE AT THIS PUBLIC INSTITUTION

By Nancy Mansfield

When William Tryon was building the extraordinary edifice that would come to bear his name, expenses soon overtook revenue. The colonial governor secured a bridge loan from Samuel Cornell, a wealthy New Bern businessman, and this public/private partnership carried the Palace to completion.

Nearly two centuries later, Tryon Palace Restoration became North Carolina's first great public history project. When it opened its doors in 1959, it too was the result of a public/private partnership. Private funds built and furnished the Palace; the State facilitated securing the land and moved a street and bridge to allow its construction on its original site.

Today Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens continues to rely on both the state and the private sector. In 2003,

about half of our budget came from the state appropriation. A quarter was earned through ticket and shop sales and other fees. The remaining quarter represented private support.

If appropriated and earned income are the meat and potatoes of our operation, private support is surely the seasoning that makes every visit to the Palace a tasty treat and encourages our visitors to return for seconds.

Grants from two major endowments, the Latham Fund and the Kellenberger

Historical Foundation, account for the largest portion of our private support.

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Not surprisingly, however, these grants have diminished somewhat in recent years as investment earnings have dropped.

That's why support from other private sources – the Council of Friends, business sponsorships and other foundation grants – took on even greater importance in 2003. Friends memberships and the Annual Fund played a pivotal role in programs ranging from character interpretation to garden education. Friends funds helped to keep our Christmas celebration merry, to purchase wonderful old Victorian pieces that will someday grace our Hollister House, and to underwrite

The South Lawn Summer Concert Series has become a popular tradition at the Palace. The concerts, which are free to the public, are underwritten by private support. In 2003, a grant from the Harold H. Bate Foundation offset much of the cost of the series including fees for the North Carolina Symphony. Other support has come from corporate contributions and donations collected at the concerts.





Encampments by Civil War re-enactors are one of the most popular offerings at the Palace which the Friends help underwrite. Re-enactors and the volunteer program that has re-opened the Academy Museum are both supported by the Friends. Below right, Civil War re-enactors fire off a volley to mark the re-opening of the Museum.

African American projects that are bringing the stories of people of color into our shared history.

A Friends grant underwrote the Palace's Volunteer Program, which is bringing new life and excitement to much of what we do. (See article on Volunteer Coordinator Fran



Campbell.) Another grant supports a part-time fund-raising assistant.

Contributions from other sources enriches our programming and enhances the quality of life in our community. A grant from the Harold H. Bate Foundation assured the success of our South Lawn Concert Series that offers free public musical events on warm summer evenings. Last year's five-concert series had an attendance of more than 5,000.

Sponsorship support from the Weyerhaeuser Corporation, Sprint, and Hatteras Yachts spread across our Christmas programming and helped to make that season bright.

This issue of *The Palace* is dedicated to all of our generous contributors who helped to keep

A variety of entertainment makes Christmas a special season at the Palace. Here, bagpiper Loyal Osterlund pipes visitors up the avenue to the Palace.

Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens vibrant and meaningful in 2003. A list of contributors is included within these pages and to each of you we extend our heartfelt gratitude. ♦



April



April 2-4

Special Event

Gardeners' Weekend

Friday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

Gardens open to the public free of charge; interior tours at regular prices.

During this special weekend, the gardens of Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens will glow with the colors of spring. Gardeners' Weekend is held in conjunction with the New Bern Historic Homes, Gardens and Arts Tour.

April 2 and 3

Plant Sale

Heritage Plant Sale

Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Palace grounds.

Held in conjunction with Gardeners' Weekend, this plant sale will feature perennials, herbs, annuals, trees and shrubs as well as a collection of unique, rare and historic plants. Come early for the best selection!

April 3

Garden Lecture

Heritage Tulips for the Southeast

Saturday, 10 a.m. Visitor Center Auditorium. Free.

Bulb expert Carl Van Staaldhuinen from Terra Ceia Farms will share growing tips for a successful spring-bulb display. Historic tulips and other bulbs will be discussed for period-appropriate gardens.

April 6

Movie

A Night to Remember (1958)

Tuesday, 7 p.m. Visitor Center Auditorium. Free. Sponsored by the Tryon Palace Council of Friends.

The night was April 14, 1912, as the ocean liner Titanic struck an iceberg in the North Atlantic and went down, taking with her over 1,500 lives. Stunning re-creation of the ship's fateful maiden voyage and the people involved stars Kenneth More, Laurence Naismith, David McCallum and Honor Blackman.

April 9-11

Easter Holiday Weekend.

Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens is open regular hours for tours.



Sunday, April 18

Walking Tour

African American Historic Downtown Walking Tour

Sunday, 2 p.m., meet in the Visitor Center. \$4; free for Tryon Palace ticket holders and members of the Tryon Palace Council of Friends.

Learn about 300 years of African American history on a walking tour of New Bern's historic district. This tour lasts approximately 90 minutes and covers 16 blocks.

May

May 4

Movie

Sommersby (1993)

Tuesday, 7 p.m. Visitor Center Auditorium. Free. Sponsored by the Tryon Palace Council of Friends.

Based on the 1982 French film, The Return of Martin Guerre, this beautifully filmed romantic drama stars Richard Gere as a Confederate soldier who returns home to wife Jodie Foster after a six-year absence. So changed is Gere's behavior that Foster and the townsfolk begin to think he may be an impostor.

May 5, 7, 12

Home School Days

9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day. \$8 for students; \$12 for adults (tickets valid 2 consecutive days). Space is limited and prepayment is required; call (252) 514-4935 to register.

Home-school families enjoy hands-on activities and take-home projects, as well as tours of the Palace and three other historic homes in this expanded version of our popular Fall home-school event. Bring your picnic lunch and spend time in the past. Activities are designed for school-aged children; some activities have a minimum age requirement.

May 8

Garden Lecture

The Magic of Daylilies

Saturday, 10 a.m. Visitor Center Auditorium. \$4; free for Tryon Palace ticket holders and members of the Tryon Palace Council of Friends. Master Gardener Caulean Vesey will discuss the best way to select, plant and divide these popular perennials.

Saturday, May 15

Saturday Sampler

Insider's Tour of the Tryon Palace Conservation Lab

Saturday, 10 a.m., meet in the Visitor Center. \$4; free for Tryon Palace ticket holders and members of the Tryon Palace Council of Friends.

Visit the conservation lab and learn all about restoring and maintaining a museum collection from Tryon Palace conservator David Taylor. This workshop will answer many questions about repairing and caring for antique items in the home.

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May 16

Film

Alamance

Sunday, 3:30 p.m. Visitor Center Auditorium. Free.

This film is shown to commemorate the anniversary of the Battle of Alamance-May 16, 1771. Filmed in part at Tryon Palace

New Feature: Friday Flicks for Kids

Friday Flicks for Kids will be offered free at 3 p.m. every Friday in the Tryon Palace Auditorium from May 21 through August 6

in 1996 for UNC-TV, Alamance tells the story of the Regulator movement through the eyes of Herman Husband, Quaker farmer and Assembly member. Governor Tryon defeated the Regulators at this battle, a key event in North Carolina history. Approx. 1 hour in length.



The U.S. Marine Corps bands from Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point join forces again this year to bring their rousing brand of patriotic, popular and classic tunes to the South Lawn.

May 20

African American History Lecture

Brown vs. Board of Education Panel Discussion

Thursday, 7 p.m. Tryon Palace Auditorium. Free.

A distinguished group of historians, law-makers and educators will discuss the issues and outcomes of the integration of the public school systems. The lecture is part of an ongoing joint lecture series sponsored by Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens and the James City Historical Society.

Free Admission for Active Military during April

Tryon Palace is pleased to offer free admission to all active military personnel and their immediate families during the month of April. Visitors should present their official identification to receive their complimentary tickets.

May 21

Friday Flicks for Kids

Colonial Life for Children: St. Augustine

Friday, 3 p.m. Tryon Palace Auditorium. Free.

Journey to St. Augustine, Florida, the oldest permanent European settlement in North America, founded by Spanish explorers in 1565. Approximately 30 minutes.

May 28

Friday Flicks for Kids

Colonial Life for Children: Jamestown

Friday, 3 p.m. Tryon Palace Auditorium. Free.

Step back in time to learn about life and the struggle to survive in 1607 in this early Virginia colony. Approximately 30 minutes.

May 17

South Lawn Concert Series 2004

2nd Marine Expeditionary Force Band

Monday, 7 p.m. South Lawn of the Palace. Free. Gates open at 5 p.m. Bring along a picnic, blankets and lawn chairs (no alcoholic beverages, please).



May 30

South Lawn Concert Series 2004

Craven Community Concert Band

Sunday, 7 p.m. South Lawn of the Palace. Free. Gates open at 5 p.m. Bring along a picnic, blankets and lawn chairs (no alcoholic beverages, please).

Craven County's own 70-member concert band continues to make history on the Palace's South Lawn.

May 31

Monday, Memorial Day

Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens is open regular hours for tours.

June 1

Movie

An American in Paris (1951)

Tuesday, 7 p.m. Visitor Center Auditorium. Free. Sponsored by the Tryon Palace Council of Friends.

The dancing of Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron, a classic score by George Gershwin and the romantic setting of the City of Lights make for a timeless musical delight. Winner of six Academy Awards, including Best Picture. Songs include "Embraceable You," "Nice Work If You Can Get It" and "Our Love Is Here to Stay."

June 4

Friday Flicks for Kids

Colonial Life for Children: Plimoth Plantation

Friday, 3 p.m. Tryon Palace Auditorium. Free.

Sail aboard the Mayflower to colonial New England in 1620 and learn what life for the pilgrims was really all about. Approximately 30 minutes.

June 4-27

Ongoing Exhibition

Maps and Prints from the Tryon Palace Collection

Weekdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Craven Arts Council & Gallery, 317 Middle St., New Bern.

Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens and the Craven Arts Council present a special exhibition of rarely displayed maps and prints that are part of the stellar Tryon Palace decorative arts collection.

June 7

South Lawn Concert Series

North Carolina Symphony

Monday, 7 p.m. South Lawn of the Palace. Free. Bring along a picnic, blankets, and lawn chairs (no alcoholic beverages, please).

*Tryon Palace's South Lawn Concert Series continues with the annual *al fresco* pops performance by the Raleigh-based North Carolina Symphony under the baton of William Henry Curry.*

June 7-11

Camp Yesteryear

Daily, 9 to 12 a.m. Monday through Friday

\$80 per child. Minimum 20 students required. Must register by May 21. Call Craven County Recreation & Parks, (252) 636-6606 to register.

Camp Yesteryear is a weeklong day camp that allows children entering grades 4 and 5 to explore colonial life. Students will learn about hearth cooking, fiber crafts, Colonial games, historical costumes and natural history.

June 11

Friday Flicks for Kids

American History for Kids: Colonial America

Friday, 3 p.m. Tryon Palace Auditorium. Free.

Learn more about the triumphs and toils of colonial life in this first film in the "American History for Kids" series this summer.

June 12

Garden Lecture

Restoring American Gardens

Saturday, 10 a.m. Visitor Center Auditorium. \$4; free for Tryon Palace ticket holders and members of the Tryon Palace Council of Friends.

American gardeners have been fascinated with exotic and introduced plants from the very beginning. Learn how to select the appropriate plants for historic landscapes.

June 18

Friday Flicks for Kids

American History for Kids: Slavery and Plantation Life

Friday, 3 p.m. Tryon Palace Auditorium. Free.

This film will explore the role of slaves in the plantation economy and what it was like to be a slave in the American South.

Sunday, June 20

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June 25

Friday Flicks for Kids

Follow the Drinking Gourd: A Story of the Underground Railroad

Friday, 3 p.m. Tryon Palace Auditorium. Free.

This is the story of one family's escape from slavery on the Underground Railroad. Narrated by Morgan Freeman with music by Taj Mahal. Approximately 30 minutes.



Another Very Successful Annual Campaign

By Karen O'Connell

Once again members, non-members, and the business community have stepped forward to support Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens with their generous donations to the Tryon

Palace Council of Friends 2003 Annual Campaign. The Council of Friends extends its sincere gratitude to Carole B. Kemp, campaign chair, and to the following donors who have provided annual support for Tryon Palace

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Thursday, April 1: The members-only special preview sale of Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Garden's annual Gardeners' Weekend Heritage Plant Sale will take place from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the lawn outside the Crafts and Garden Shop. Council of Friends members have the unique opportunity to come early for the best selection of rare plants before the sale opens to the public the next day. Your membership card is required for admission. Please see the calendar for more information.

Saturday, April 17: The Council of Friends Annual Meeting and luncheon is an opportunity to join your fellow members for a day of good food and good company. Invitations to exclusive events like these are just one of the many benefits of membership in the Tryon Palace Council of Friends. For more information on how you can become a member, contact Council of Friends Coordinator Karen O'Connell at: (252) 514-4933 or at koconnell@tryonpalace.org ♦





Time for Tea

The most historical of beverages has inspired many of the new gift favorites that are springing up in our Tryon Palace Museum Shops. Pick some of these beauties to help you host, serve and enjoy springtime tea parties. Look for creamware tea sets from \$60, *bottom left*, blue export teapots from \$35 and doll's tea sets from \$7.50, *bottom right*. Reproduction-style dessert plates, like these chinoiserie plates, *left*, from \$22.50, make a colorful, spring-inspired statement. Don't forget the mint chosen from our plants offered by our Garden Shop and samples of our Governor Tryon tea cakes for a simple and tasty treat. Enjoy the setting and come by to visit our Museum Shops. Your purchases help fund the Palace and our programming.




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